WJLA/ABC-24/7 - FCC REPORT APRIL- JUNE 2020

CRIME & VIOLENCE (**Coronavirus Distancing Period)

4/8 - WJLA 5AM (:20)

THE NUMBER OF PEOPLE ARRESTED IN MONTGOMERY COUNTY IS DOWN DRAMATICALLY. OFFICIALS SAY IT'S PARTLY BECAUSE OFFICERS FEAR CORONAVIRUS EXPOSURE, AND PARTLY BECAUSE OF A DECLINE IN POLICE CALLS. DURING THE WEEK OF MARCH 8TH, 144 PEOPLE WERE BOOKED IN THE COUNTY DETENTION CENTER. DURING THE WEEK OF MARCH 29TH, THE NUMBER OF ARRESTS DROPPED TO 53. THAT'S A 63-PERCENT DECREASE.

4/10 - WJLA 12PM (:20)

VIRGINIA GOVERNOR RALPH NORTHAM ANNOUNCED TODAY HE SIGNED SEVERAL LANDMARK GUN VIOLENCE PREVENTION MEASURES INTO LAW, INCLUDING LEGISLATION TO ENACT AN EXTREME RISK PROTECTIVE ORDER, REQUIRE BACKGROUND CHECKS ON ALL GUN SALES, MANDATE REPORTING OF LOST AND STOLEN FIREARMS, PREVENT CHILDREN FROM ACCESSING FIREARMS, AND REINSTATE VIRGINIA'S ONE-HANDGUN-A-MONTH POLICY,

5/1 - ABC7-24/7 - 10PM (:40)

TONIGHT, COMMUNITY ACTIVISTS IN THE DISTRICT ARE TRYING TO TAKE BACK THEIR STREETS. A FEW HOURS AGO, POLICE ESCORTED AN ANTI-CRIME CARAVAN DRIVING THROUGH NORTHEAST. THAT NEIGHBORHOOD HAS SEEN AN INCREASE IN CRIME -- EVEN THOUGH FEWER PEOPLE ARE ON THE STREETS DURING THE PANDEMIC. THIS WEEK, A MAN WAS KILLED DURING A ROBBERY ON 19-TH STREET NORTHEAST. AS PART OF THAT

CRIME INITIATIVE -- ACTIVISTS HAVE INVITED THE CHIEF TO WALK THE NEIGHBORHOOD THIS SUMMER.

5/19 - ABC7-24/7 - 7AM (2:00)

You probably want to consider keeping a closer eye on your car because these are after your airbags. There has been a big spike of these thefts in our area in recent weeks and each of these crimes has an identical pattern.

The thief or these appeared to know exactly what they were doing, going from level to level in the parking garage of this apartment complex in Herndon. The target Hondas cars and trucks. When they came upon a Honda, they broke in and ripped out its airbag. Before the night was over they had broken into more than a dozen cars.

.... 12 million Honda cars involved in the big Takata airbag recall last year. It costs more than two thousand dollars on average to replace and install a new airbag in a Honda...the stolen bags are selling on the black market Scafidi says for just a couple hundred dollars.

if you don't have a Honda don't think thieves are looking for your car's airbag. Police say make sure your vehicle has an alarm and make sure you park your car at night in an area that is well lit.

5/30 - ABC7-24/7 - 9PM (:23)

FIRST AT TEN. A FIFTH NIGHT OF VIOLENT PROTESTS FOLLOWING THE DEATH OF GEORGE FLOYD. FROM COAST TO COAST--PROTESTORS DEMANDING JUSTICE... AND CHANGE. SOME GROUPS-- STARTING FIRES--DESTROYING PROPERTY-- AND BLOCKING TRAFFIC. THE NATIONAL GUARD BEING CALLED IN-- IN SEVERAL STATES. MORE THAN A DOZEN CITIES--INCLUDING LOS ANGELES AND SEATTLE... HAVE IMPOSED CURFEWS...ALL IN AN EFFORT TO TRY AND STOP THE VIOLENCE.

6/1 - WJLA - 3PM (:43)

THE A-F-L-C-I-O PRESIDENT IS CALLING LAST NIGHT'S FIRE AT ITS HEADQUARTERS IN NORTHWEST-- QUOTE "SENSELESS AND DISGRACEFUL." PEOPLE SMASHED WINDOWS AND LIT THE LOBBY ON FIRE ALONG 16TH STREET NEAR THE WHITE HOUSE. ONE OF THE BUILDING'S AFFILIATES IS THE INTERNATIONAL UNION OF POLICE ASSOCIATIONS. WHILE THAT FIRE WAS RAGING -- ABC-7'S HEATHER GRAF SPOKE TO DEMONSTRATORS LAST NIGHT ABOUT THEIR MESSAGE. THE PROTESTERS YOU'RE ABOUT TO HEAR FROM WERE *NOT INVOLVED IN THE FIRE... DURING THEIR INTERVIEW -- YOU CAN HEAR FLASH BANGS GOING OFF: AGAIN, THAT INTERVIEW WAS FROM LAST NIGHT OUTSIDE THE A-F-L-C-I-O BUILDING AS A FIRE WAS BURNING IN THE LOBBY. THE SPRINKLERS PUT OUT MOST OF THE FLAMES AND THE FIRE DEPARTMENT MOVED IN ONCE IT WAS SAFE. NO INJURIES WERE REPORTED.

6/12 - WJLA 5AM (0:30)

D-C POLICE ARE INVESTIGATING SEVERAL VIOLENT CRIMES-- THAT HAPPENED IN A MATTER OF HOURS, EARLY YESTERDAY MORNING. IN TOTAL-- TEN PEOPLE WERE SHOT IN NORTHEAST. TWO OF THEM ARE JUVENILES. THE NEIGHBORHOOD WHERE THE SHOOTINGS HAPPENED-- IS MANNED BY "VIOLENCE INTERRUPTERS." BUT MAYOR MURIEL BOWSER'S NEW BUDGET- CALLS FOR CUTS TO THE NEIGHBORHOOD SAFETY PROGRAM. DESPITE THE RECENT UP-TICK IN VIOLENCE-- D-C COUNCILMEMBER KENYON MCDUFFIE SAYS-- THE VIOLENCE INTERRUPTERS ARE MAKING A DIFFERENCE. THE MAYOR'S PROPOSED BUDGET INCREASES OVERALL SPENDING ON VIOLENCE INTERRUPTION. BUT IT WOULD CUT ABOUT 18 PERCENT OF THE MONEY THAT GOES TO VIOLENCE INTERRUPTERS-- IN TRINIDAD AND OTHER PARTS OF D-C. THAT MONEY WOULD INSTEAD BE USED TO EXPAND A PROGRAM CALLED "THE LEADERSHIP ACADEMY"-- FROM ANACOSTIA HIGH TO TWO OTHER SCHOOLS.

SEVEN'S ON YOUR SIDE-- DIGGING INTO CRIME IN THE DISTRICT. THIS YEAR-- THERE HAVE BEEN 79 MURDERS SO FAR. THAT IS SEVEN *MORE-- THAN AT THE SAME POINT LAST YEAR. THIS COULD BE THE THIRD STRAIGHT YEAR MURDERS RISE. EVERY OTHER "VIOLENT CRIME"-- IS DOWN IN OUR NATION'S CAPITAL.

LOCAL GOVERNMENT

4/7 - ABC7-24/7 7AM (:20)

IN MONTGOMERY COUNTY, COUNCIL MEMBER TOM HUCKER HOSTED A VIRTUAL TOWN HALL MEETING TO TALK ABOUT COVID-19 CONCERNS. REPRESENTATIVES FROM VARIOUS COUNTY DEPARTMENTS JOINED HIM. HUCKER ALSO INVITED COMMUNITY MEMBERS TO DIAL IN.... AND ASK QUESTIONS FOR THEMSELVES. THIS IS ROUND TWO OF A MEETING TO DISCUSS CHANGES IMPACTING THE COUNTY.

4/8 - ABC7-24/7 8AM (:25)

THIS MORNING-- SOME MORE RELIEF ON THE WAY TO PEOPLE LIVING IN D-C. THE D-C COUNCIL APPROVED AN EMERGENCY RELIEF BILL THAT EXPANDS TENANTS' RIGHTS-- MAKING MORE PEOPLE ELIGIBLE FOR UNEMPLOYMENT-- AND BANS COLLECTORS FROM REPOSSESSING CARS DURING THIS CRISIS. AND A FIRST FOR THE COUNCIL-- THE MEMBERS APPROVED THIS BILL WHILE HOLDING A VIRTUAL MEETING USING "ZOOM."

4/31 - ABC7-24/7 10AM (:31)

PROTESTORS ARE EXPECTED IN RICHMOND TOMORROW-- TO CALL FOR GOVERNOR NORTHAM TO END HIS STAY AT HOME ORDER. THAT WILL HAPPEN AT THE SAME TIME VIRGINIA'S GENERAL ASSEMBLY MEETS FOR A ONE-DAY LEGISLATIVE SESSION.LAWMAKERS WILL BE DISCUSSING THE FALLOUT OF THE PANDEMIC. THE TALKS ARE TO CONSIDER SEVERAL LEGISLATION AMENDMENTS-- INCLUDING CHANGES TO THE BUDGET. THE HOUSE WILL MEET UNDER A CANOPY OUTSIDE THE CAPITOL. THE SENATE WILL MEET AT THE VIRGINIA SCIENCE MUSEUM EVENT SPACE A COUPLE MILES AWAY. WE'RE TOLD THEY'LL WEAR MASKS.. AND SOCIAL DISTANCE.

5/4 - WJLA - 4AM (:40)

A NEWLY PASSED CORONAVIRUS RELIEF MEASURE IS AIMED AT HELPING D.C. RESTAURANTS. THE D.C. COUNCIL PASSED A BILL YESTERDAY LIMITING THE COMMISSION FEE THAT FOOD DELIVERY APPS CAN CHARGE. IT'S NOW ONLY 15 PERCENT. THE CAP WOULD APPLY ONLY WHILE D.C. IS STILL UNDER A PUBLIC HEALTH EMERGENCY. SEVERAL DELIVERY COMPANIES OPPOSE THE RESTRICTION. AND THEY QUESTION WHETHER IT'S LEGAL.DOORDASH ISSUED A STATEMENT, SAYING, QUOTE: "THE BILL WILL HAVE "THE UNINTENDED CONSEQUENCE OF REDUCING SALES FOR RESTAURANTS WHEN THEY IN FACT NEED THEM MOST."

5/11 - WJLA - 12PM (:20)

WHILE DC AND VIRGINIA DEBATE REOPENING, MARYLAND'S ATTORNEY GENERAL IS *DEFENDING GOVERNOR HOGAN'S "STAY AT HOME" ORDER. THAT AFTER THE GROUP "RE-OPEN MARYLAND" AND SOME FREE STATE LAWMAKERS AND CLERGY TRIED TO SUE THE GOVERNOR. THEY CLAIM HOGAN'S EXECUTIVE ORDER IS UNCONSTITUTIONAL BY VIOLATING THE CONSTITUTIONAL PROTECTIONS FOR FREEDOM OF ASSEMBLY AND RELIGION. THE STATE'S TOP LAWYER URGED A BALTIMORE TO TOSS OUT THE LAWSUIT.

5/27 - WJLA - 4AM (:40)

VIRGINIA BEACH IS OUT WITH A NEW AD CAMPAIGN AIMED AT RESTARTING TOURISM, DURING THE PANDEMIC. FOR THE FIRST TIME IN TWO MONTHS THE CITY'S BEACHES WERE ALLOWED TO REOPEN FRIDAY FOR SUNBATHING AND SURFING. VIRGINIA BEACH'S VISITORS BUREAU IS NOW WORKING TO LURE TOURISTS. IT'S FOCUSING ON 10 CITIES DEEMED WITHIN DRIVING DISTANCE OF THE RESORT AREA, INCLUDING BALTIMORE AND WASHINGTON. ON MAY 5TH, THE CITY COUNCIL APPROVED THE TRANSFER OF TWO-MILLION DOLLARS TO A FUND TO CREATE THE AD CAMPAIGN. THE ADS POINT OUT, THE CITY IS TAKING SAFETY MEASURES AS THE PANDEMIC CONTINUES.

6/3 - ABC7-24/7 11AM (:24)

D-C COUNCILMAN CHARLES ALLEN WANTS A PROBE OF POLICE ACTIONS ON SWANN STREET IN NORTHWEST. WE FIRST REPORTED THIS SITUATION AS IT HAPPENED TUESDAY MORNING.ROUGHLY 70 PEOPLE TOOK REFUGE IN A STRANGER'S HOME AFTER THEY SAY M-P-D OFFICERS CORNERED THEM AFTER THE CURFEW WAS IN EFFECT. POLICE CHIEF PETER NEWSHAM SAYS NO ONE WAS ARRESTED. HE'S LOOKING INTO ALLEGATIONS THAT OFFICERS CONTINUED TO PEPPER SPRAY PEOPLE AS THEY WENT INTO THE HOME.

6/10 - ABC7-24/7 11AM (:30)

THE DISTRICT IS RESPONDING TO GROWING DEMANDS FOR POLICE REFORM AMID PROTESTS OVER POLICE BRUTALITY. THE D-C CITY COUNCIL TOOK UP THE ISSUE YESTERDAY. THE COUNCIL APPROVED EMERGENCY LEGISLATION-- THAT BANS CHOKEHOLDS-- RESTRICTS CROWD-CONTROL DEVICES-- SUCH AS PEPPER SPRAY-- AND REQUIRES THE RELEASE OF BODY-CAM FOOTAGE-- ALONG WITH THE NAMES OF ACCUSED OFFICERS-- WITHIN THREE DAYS OF AN INCIDENT. THIS EMERGENCY MEASURE WILL LAST 90 DAYS. BUT THE COUNCIL CAN VOTE TO EXTEND IT-- FOR ALMOST A FULL YEAR.

6/26 - ABC7-24/7 7AM (:40)

A MONTGOMERY COUNTY LAWMAKER SAYS HE HAS A PLAN TO REDUCE POLICE SHOOTINGS. COUNCIL MEMBER TOM HUCKER WANTS TO SPEND 600-THOUSAND DOLLARS TO HIRE SIX SOCIAL WORKERS -- TO RESPOND TO 9-1-1 CALLS THAT INVOLVE SOMEONE SUFFERING FROM SUBSTANCE ABUSE OR A MENTAL HEALTH ISSUE. THE IDEA CAME FROM LAST MONTH'S POLICE SHOOTING OF A MAN WITH A KNIFE -- WHO RUSHED AN OFFICER DURING A REPORTED MENTAL HEALTH EPISODE.

HOUSING & HOMELESSNESS

4/7 - WJLA 12PM (:25)

THE D.C. COUNCIL IS HOLDING A VIRTUAL SESSION TODAY TO VOTE ON A MAJOR CORONAVIRUS RELIEF PACKAGE. IT WOULD EXTEND MAYOR BOWSER'S AUTHORITY TO DECLARE A HEALTH EMERGENCY THROUGH MID-JUNE. AND IT WOULD IMPOSE A CITYWIDE RENT FREEZE. THE BILL WOULD ALSO AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR TO PROVIDE UP TO 25-MILLION DOLLARS IN GRANTS TO HOSPITALS. THE WHITE HOUSE'S CORONAVIRUS RESPONSE COORDINATOR WARNS.. D.C. COULD BE ONE OF THE NATION'S NEXT COVID-19 HOT SPOTS.

4/20- WJLA 4AM (:20)

PLANS ARE UNDERWAY TO TURN THE WASHINGTON CONVENTION CENTER INTO A FIELD HOSPITAL IN CASE THE PANDEMIC GETS WORSE. THE FACILITY WOULD TREAT COVID-19 PATIENTS WHO DON'T NEED VENTILATORS. 500 BEDS ARE EXPECTED TO BE SET UP DURING THE FIRST WEEK OF MAY. ONE-THOUSAND MORE BEDS WOULD BE ADDED BY THE LAST WEEK OF MAY. STARTING TOMORROW, PARKING AROUND THE CONVENTION CENTER WILL BE BLOCKED OFF.

4/24- WJLA 12PM (:45)

A NEW PROGRAM IN ARLINGTON HOPES TO HELP LOCAL RESTAURANTS-AND FEED PEOPLE IN NEED AT THE SAME TIME. THE GROUP "VOLUNTEER ARLINGTON" CREATED THE "BUY A NEIGHBOR LUNCH" PROGRAM.THE RESTAURANT BON'CHON (BON'-CHON)--IS THE FIRST RESTAURANT TO PARTNER IN THE EFFFORT... BUT *MORE RESTAURANTS ARE EXPECTED TO JOIN.THE MEALS ARE BEING DELIVERED TO AFFORDABLE HOUSING UNITS AND SHELTERS...AND PEOPLE CAN CHOOSE WHICH MENU OPTIONS THEY

WANT. SINCE THE PROGRAM BEGAN LAST WEEK-- MORE THAN 25-THOUSAND DOLLARS HAS BEEN RAISED THROUGH ONLINE DONATIONS.

5/6 - ABC7-24/7 - 7AM (:55)

THESE ARE THE STORIES WE LOVE... AN EIGHT YEAR OLD MARYLAND BOY IS ON A MISSION GETTING READY FOR A SPECIAL DELIVERY. STALLINGS HAS BEEN HONORING VETERANS WITH DONATIONS SINCE HE WAS FOUR YEARS OLD AND SINCE THE PANDEMIC BEGAN HE'S STEPPED UP HIS EFFORTS. AFTER NOTICING THE UPHILL BATTLE THAT HOMELESS VETERANS ARE UP AGAINST-- TYLER AND HIS MOM STARTED MAKING CARE PACKAGES.. THEY CALL THEM HERO BAGS.. EACH BAG IS FILLED WITH TOOLS THAT WILL FIGHT THE INVISIBLE ENEMY....COVID-19. THE BAGS ARE HEADING TO THE ARMED FORCES RETIREMENT HOME, IN D-C, TYLER'S WORK IN THE MIDST OF CRISIS, IS GETTING A LOT OF PRAISE FROM VETERANS AND ALSO GROUPS THAT HELP VETERANS WHO ARE STRUGGLING WITH HOMELESSNESS AND SUBSTANCE ABUSE. TYLER KNOWS A THING OR TWO ABOUT SERVICE.. HE COMES FROM A FAMILY OF VETERANS. HIS UNCLE, FATHER AND GRANDFATHER HAVE ALL SERVED THE COUNTRY.

5/22 - ABC7-24/7 - 10PM (:25)

WASHINGTON WIZARDS STAR GUARD JOHN WALL ANNOUNCED HIS FOUNDATION IS LAUNCHING THE "202 ASSIST" PROGRAM. ITS GOAL, TO PROVIDE RENT ASSISTANCE TO WARD 8 RESIDENTS AFFECTED MOST BY THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC. THE FOUNDATION WILL WORK WITH MAYOR BOWSER AND THE DC DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT. WALL HOPES TO RAISE 300-THOUSAND DOLLARS THROUGH DONATIONS. AND APPLICATIONS FOR WASHINGTONIANS IN WILL OPEN ONLINE JUNE FIRST.

5/26 - ABC7-24/7 - 10AM (:20)

MEET THE NEW "HOMETOWN HERO" FROM THE "CRYSTAL CITY BUSINESS IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT" OLGA BERMAN HAS SEWN AND DONATED MORE THAN 150 MASKS. SHE'S GIVEN THEM TO "N STREET VILLAGE" -- WHICH HELPS HOMELESS WOMEN... AND "TRACY'S KIDS" -- WHICH SUPPORTS YOUNG CANCER PATIENTS AND THEIR FAMILIES. SHE'S HARD AT WORK ON MORE MASKS THANKS TO A DONATION OF SUPPLIES.

6/19 - WJLA 6PM (:20)

NEW AT SIX, MARYLAND'S GOVERNOR IS *LIFTING* SOME RESTRICTIONS TO ALLOW FOR OUTDOOR VISITORS AT NURSING HOMES. THE HOMES - HAVE TO HAVE NO ACTIVE CASES OF COVID-19. AND EVERYONE WILL HAVE TO WEAR MASKS AND KEEP SOCIAL DISTANCE. ALL VISITORS - WILL ALSO BE SCREENED FOR SYMPTOMS.

6/26 - WJLA 12PM (:26)

IF YOU LIVE IN VIRGINIA AND NEED HELP PAYING YOUR RENT OR MORTGAGE IN THIS PANDEMIC, LISTEN UP. 50-MILLION DOLLARS IN FEDERAL CORONAVIRUS RELIEF FUNDS WILL NOW BE USED FOR HOUSING ASSISTANCE. GOVERNOR RALPH NORTHAM MADE THE ANNOUNCEMENT ON THURSDAY -- JUST A DAY AFTER THE STATE SUPREME COURT LIFTED A MORATORIUM ON EVICTIONS. IF YOU NEED HELP, YOU CAN APPLY NEXT WEEK.

HEALTH AND HEALTH CARE

4/4 - ABC7-24/7 11AM (:40)

AS THE C-D-C RECOMMENDS THE *VOLUNTARY* USE OF FACE COVERINGS WHEN IN PUBLIC. HEALTH OFFICIALS STRESS THEY DON'T WANT PEOPLE RUSHING TO GET MEDICAL OR SURGICAL MASKS. INSTEAD -- THE GOOD OPTION IS TO MAKE YOUR OWN. SURGEON GENERAL JEROME ADAMS SHARED THIS VIDEO SHOWING HOW IT CAN BE DONE WITH ITEMS FROM AROUND THE HOUSE. SCARVES, HAND TOWELS OR EVEN AN OLD T-SHIRT. YOU'RE ADVISED TO WEAR THE FACE COVERINGS IN PUBLIC PLACES LIKE SUPERMARKETS.. BUT REMEMBER THIS IS *NOT* A *SUBSTITUTE* FOR SOCIAL DISTANCING.

4/27 - ABC7-24/7 - 7AM (:20)

D.C.'S MEDICAL RESERVE CORPS-- IS DOING ITS PART TO FIGHT COVID-19. THE CORPS CURRENTLY HAS 57-HUNDRED VOLUNTEERS. BUT IT NEEDS MORE HELP. THE RESERVE CORPS IS LOOKING FOR MEDICAL PROFESSIONALS-- AND PEOPLE WHO CAN HELP WITH TESTING AND LOGISTICS. YOU CAN APPLY THROUGH THE D.C. HEALTH WEBSITE -- AT D-C HEALTH DOT D-C DOT GOV.

4/29 - ABC7-24/7 - 1PM (:85)

IN MEDICAL REPORTING THE WORD BREAKTHROUGH IS WAY OVERUSED. THAT BEING SAID, THIS AFTERNOON THE NATION'S TOP INFECTIOUS DISEASE EXPERT WAS VERY OPTIMISTIC ABOUT A TEST OF ONE POTENTIAL COVID-FIGHTING DRUG. THIS MORNING -- GILLEAD SCICENCES SAID PRELIMINARY RESULTS OF A CORONAVIRUS DRUG TRIAL SHOWED AT LEAST 50-PERCENT OF PATIENTS TREATED WITH A FIVE-DAY DOSE OF REM-DES-I-VIR IMPROVED AND MORE THAN HALF WERE DISCHARGED FROM THE HOSPITAL WITHIN TWO WEEKS. U-S HEALTH OFFICIALS ARE EXPECTED TO RELEASE THE FULL RESULTS OF THE TRIAL CONDUCTED BY THE NATIONAL INSTITUTE OF ALLERGY AND INFECTIOUS DISEASES LATER TODAY. DOCTOR FAUCI SAYS THIS REMINDS HIM OF THE EARLY STAGES TO FIND AN EFFECTIVE TREATMENT FOR THE AIDS VIRUS.

5/1- WJLA 5AM (:40)

ONE OF THE STATES THAT'S TAKING SOME STEPS TOWARDS REOPENING IS VIRGINIA. GOVERNOR RALPH NORTHAM IS LIFTING RESTRICTIONS ON ELECTIVE MEDICAL PROCEDURES TODAY. THAT MEANS THOSE PROCEDURES CAN RESUME -- AND VETS CAN ALSO SEE PETS FOR NON-EMERGENCY PROCEDURES. NON-EMERGENCY DENTIST APPOINTMENTS WILL BE ALSO ALLOWED FOR THE FIRST TIME IN MORE THAN A MONTH. BUT-- THERE WILL BE CHANGES. AND ONCE INSIDE: THEY'LL BE SCREENED IN THE LOBBY.. A STAFF MEMBER WILL TAKE THE PATIENT'S TEMPERATURE...WHILE WEARING PERSONAL PROTECTIVE EQUIPMENT FROM HEAD TO TOE.

5/12- WJLA - 4PM (:45)

DOCTORS AND NURSES WHO ARE TREATING COVID-19 PATIENTS ARE PUTTING THEIR OWN HEALTH AT RISK... AND THEIR MENTAL HEALTH COULD BE SUFFERING AS WELL. HEALTH CARE WORKERS ARE BECOMING THE SO-CALLED "SECOND VICTIMS" OF THIS CRISIS. REFERING TO THOSE EXPERIENCING TRAUMA RELATED TO A PATIENT'S CARE. MANY IN THE HEALTH CARE INDUSTRY ARE ALSO DISTANCING THEMSELVES FROM FAMILY MEMBERS TO KEEP THEM SAFE. JUST TODAY -- A VIEWER SUBMITTED THIS PICTURE OF A LOCAL NURSE -- WHO HASN'T SEEN HER CHILDREN IN 6 WEEKS BECAUSE SHE'S CARING FOR COVID-19 PATIENTS.

5/26- WJLA - 4AM (:25)

SEVEN IS ON YOUR SIDE WITH A HEALTH ALERT. THERE'S NOW A SECOND CONFIRMED CASE IN VIRGINIA-- OF THAT INFLAMMATORY SYNDROME IN CHILDREN-- TIED TO THE CORONAVIRUS. FEW DETAILS WERE RELEASED-- BUT WE KNOW IT'S A CHILD IN FAIRFAX COUNTY. THE PREVIOUS CASE WAS ALSO IN FAIRFAX COUNTY. LAST WEEK-- CHILDREN'S NATIONAL HOSPITAL WAS TREATING-- NEARLY TWO DOZEN

CHILDREN WITH THE SYNDROME. AND ONE TEEN HAS DIED IN MARYLAND.

6/1 - ABC7-24/7- 8AM (:30)

GOVERNOR HOGAN ISN'T THE ONLY LEADER WHO'S CONCERNED THAT THE PROTESTS WILL LEAD TO A LOT MORE CORONAVIRUS CASES. RIGHT NOW, 15 STATES AND PUERTO RICO ARE ALREADY REPORTING AN INCREASE IN CASES. AND WITH PROTESTERS NOT ADHERING TO SOCIAL DISTANCING GUIDELINES, AND SOME NOT WEARING MASKS,... MANY PEOPLE ARE VOICING CONCERNS. THIS POTENTIAL SPIKE IN THE NUMBER OF CASES COMES AS MANY AREAS ACROSS THE U-S START TO REOPEN.

6/12 - ABC7-24/7 - 7AM (:15)

THE KEY TO REOPENING THE COUNTRY IS HAVING A WAY TO FIGHT THE VIRUS. PLASMA DONATIONS FROM RECOVERED CORONAVIRUS PATIENTS ARE SHOWING PROMISE AS A TREATMENT. BUT SUPPLIES ARE RUNNING LOW. HEALTH CARE PROFESSIONALS ARE PLEADING FOR MORE DONATIONS. MORE THAN 20-THOUSAND CORONAVIRUS PATIENTS IN THE U.S. HAVE BEEN TREATED WITH SO-CALLED CONVALESCENT PLASMA. THIS IS STILL AN UNPROVEN THERAPY, BUT DOCTORS ARE ENCOURAGED BY WHAT THEY'VE SEEN. SCIENTISTS ARE NOW TRYING TO DETERMINE IF PLASMA DONATIONS MIGHT PREVENT THE INFECTION IN THE FIRST PLACE.

6/20 - ABC7-24/7 - 4PM (:20)

NEW INFORMATION TONIGHT.. THERE ARE TWO MORE CASES OF THE INFLAMATORY ILLNESS IN CHILDREN-- TIED TO THE CORONAVIRUS. CHILDREN'S NATIONAL IS NOW REPORTING A TOTAL OF 32 CASES. THE HOSPITAL SAYS-- SOME PATIENTS TESTED POSITIVE FOR COVID-19-- OTHERS HAVE ANTI-BODIES. SYMPTOMS FOR "MULTI-SYSTEM

INFLAMMATORY SYNDROME" INCLUDE -- ABDOMINAL PAIN, DIFFICULTY BREATHING, AND A RASH.

4/6 - WJLA – 12PM (:15)

WE HAVE NEW DEVELOPMENTS IN A LEGAL FIGHT OVER RELIGIOUS ADVERTISING ON METRO. THE SUPREME COURT HAS REJECTED THE CATHOLIC CHURCH'S APPEAL OF A RULING BANNING THEIR AD CAMPAIGN. THE WASHINGTON DIOCESE WANTED TO RUN CHRISTMAS-THEMED ADS ON METRO BUSES. BUT -- THE SUPREME COURT UPHELD A LOWER-COURT RULING IN FAVOR OF METRO'S BAN ON ISSUE-ORIENTED ADVERTISING.

4/10 - WJLA - 5AM (:54)

DESPITE STAY-AT-HOME ORDERS SOME CHURCHES ACROSS THE U-S ARE PLANNING TRADITIONAL SERVICES THIS EASTER SUNDAY.
RELIGIOUS LEADERS LIKE PASTOR TONY SPELL IN LOUISIANA HAVE FACED CHARGES FOR DEFYING ORDERS. BUT SAY THE RIGHT TO ASSEMBLE IS GOD-GIVEN. IN KANSAS - THREE OF THE STATE'S LARGEST VIRUS OUTBREAKS HAVE BEEN LINKED TO CHURCH GATHERINGS. GOVERNOR LAURA KELLY ISSUED AN EXECUTIVE ORDER RESTRICTING THE SIZE OF THESE GATHERINGS. BUT REPUBLICAN LAWMAKERS OVERTURNED IT. LOCAL CHURCHES INCLUDING NATIONAL CATHEDRAL AND THE CATHOLIC BASILICA ARE OFFERING VIRTUAL MASS ON EASTER SUNDAY. MANY MORE WILL ALSO BE STREAMING SERVICES. SO IT'S WORTH CHECKING WITH YOUR CHURCH.

4/24 - WJLA - 12PM (:54)

THE HARDEST HIT PARTS OF D-C BORDER PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY MARYLAND-- WHICH HAS BY FAR THE MOST CASES IN OUR REGION. WITH MORE THAN 4-THOUSAND RESIDENTS CONTRACTING THE VIRUS.. MORE THAN 60 PERCENT OF RESIDENTS IN THE COUNTY ARE AFRICAN-AMERICAN. AND IN MARYLAND -- THE BLACK COMMUNITY IS THE

HARDEST HIT BY THE PANDEMIC.. MAKING UP MORE THAN 6-THOUSAND CASES.. AND THE MOST DEATHS.

5/7 - ABC7-24/7 11AM (:24)

JOHNS HOPKINS MEDICAL CENTER IS TRYING TO MAKE SURE LATINOS AND OTHER VULNERABLE COMMUNITIES ARE GETTING ACCESS TO RELIABLE INFORMATION AND COVID-19 CARE. THE UNIVERSITY SAYS IT HAS SEEN A RECENT INCREASE IN CASES OF PATIENTS WHO ONLY SPEAK SPANISH. JOHN HOPKINS SAYS THE LATINO COMMUNITY IS GETTING HIT HARD BY COVID-19 BECAUSE A LOT OF PEOPLE DO NOT QUALIFY FOR UNEMPLOYMENT BENEFITS. WHICH IS FORCING THEM TO GO TO WORK WITH COVID-19 SYMPTOMS.

5/15 - ABC7-24/7 8AM (:38)

THE HOLY MONTH OF RAMADAN IS ONE OF THE MOST IMPORTANT TIMES OF THE YEAR FOR THOSE OF THE ISLAMIC FAITH. BUT LIKE MOST THINGS-- THE PANDEMIC HAS FORCED MANY MUSLIMS TO CHANGE THEIR PRACTICE. SINCE LARGE GATHERINGS ARE PROHIBITED, THE ISLAMIC EDUCATION CENTER IN MONTGOMERY COUNTY IS GIVING ITS MEMBERS A FREE MEAL IN WHAT THEY'RE CALLING A "DRIVE-THRU IFTAR." AN IFTAR IS THE MEAL EATEN AFTER SUNSET DURING RAMADAN. THE ISLAMIC EDUCATION CENTER WILL BE DOING THIS OFF AND ON THROUGH THE END OF RAMADAN ON MAY 23RD.

5/23 - ABC7-24/7 10PM (:32)

ONE PLACE WHERE THE FIGHT AGAINST CORONAVIRUS IS STILL GOING STRONG.. PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY. THAT'S WHERE THEY'VE SEEN THE HIGHEST NUMBER OF CONFIRMED COVID-19 CASES IN THE STATE... A TOTAL OF MORE THAN 13-THOUSAND. LEADERS SAY -- THAT THE AREA

HAS FALLEN VICTIM TO THE RACIAL DIVIDE THAT'S BEEN SEEN IN OTHER PARTS OF THE COUNTRY. GOVERNOR LARRY HOGAN'S OFFICE SAYS THE PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY *HAS RECEIVED THE MOST P-P-E.. TESTS.. AND HOSPITAL BEDS IN THE STATE. BUT-- THOSE WHO'VE LOST LOVED ONES SAY -- THE PAIN IS STILL THERE. 1-THOUSAND NEW CASES WERE CONFIRMED IN MARYLAND-- IN THE LAST 24-HOURS ALONE.

6/3 - WJLA - 6PM (:40)

SOME PEOPLE IN PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY-- ARE TURNING TO RELIGION-- FOLLOWING THE DEATH OF GEORGE FLOYD. COUNTY EXECUTIVE ANGELA ALSOBROOKS-- CALLED FOR A VIRTUAL DAY OF PRAYER. PASTORS AND THEIR CONGREGATIONS PRAYED IN SHIFTS YESTERDAY-- FROM NOON UNTIL MIDNIGHT. A DOZEN PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY CHURCHES-- TOOK PART IN THE DAY OF PRAYER.

6/10 - WJLA - 6AM (:25)

MONTGOMERY COUNTY HAS OFFICIALLY DECLARED RACISM A PUBLIC HEALTH CRISIS. THE COUNTY COUNCIL APPROVED THE RESOLUTION YESTERDAY-- AND WILL WORK TO FIX RACIAL DISPARTIES. MEMBERS NOTED-- THAT WHILE AFRICAN-AMERICANS MAKE UP-- 20 PERCENT OF MONTGOMERY COUNTY'S POPULATION-- THEY ACCOUNT FOR 25 PERCENT OF COVID DEATHS THERE. THEY ALSO POINTED TO SUBSTANDARD HOUSING-- LACK OF ACCESS TO GREEN SPACE-- AND EXPOSURE TO POLLUTION. YESTERDAY'S VOTE FOLLOWED-- AN EIGHT-MINUTE MOMENT OF SILENCE-- IN MEMORY OF GEORGE FLOYD.

6/19 - WJLA - 6PM (:20)

AND WE WANT TO GIVE YOU ONE MORE LIVE LOOK TONIGHT AT THE JUNETEENTH CELEBRATIONS HAPPENING IN THE NATION'S CAPITOL. THE MORE THAN 150 YEAR CELEBRATION TAKING ON A NEW MEANING THIS YEAR INTHE MIDST OF A NATIONAL UPRISING AIGNAST RACIAL INJUSTICE.

D-C PLANS TO HAVE STREETS AROUND THE NATIONAL MALL CLOSED TO GIVE CROWDS A SAVE SPACE THROUGH SUNDAY NIGHT.

6/21 - WJLA - 11PM (:20)

D-C WILL ENTER PHASE TWO OF REOPENING TOMORROW. AND WILL BEGIN TO ALLOW CHURCHES TO HOLD IN-PERSON SERVICES.. AT HALF CAPACITY. STILL- THE MAYOR IS RECOMMENDING NO SINGING FROM THE CHOIR. RESTAURANTS AND STORES CAN ALLOW PEOPLE BACK IN-- AT HALF CAPACITY. GYMS WILL ALSO REOPEN. AND TO GET YOUR HAIR OR NAILS DONE-- YOU WILL NEED TO MAKE AN APPOINTMENT FIRST.

EMPLOYMENT & ECONOMY

4/14-ABC7-24/7-11AM (:20)

ONE COMPANY THAT'S ACTUALLY EXPANDING DURING THE CORONAVIRUS PANDEMIC: AMAZON. IT'S HIRING MORE WORKERS TO KEEP UP WITH CUSTOMER DEMAND. THE COMPANY ALREADY ADDED 100-THOUSAND EMPLOYEES-- FOR ITS DISTRIBUTION CENTERS IN THE LAST MONTH. NOW AMAZON SAYS-- IT WANTS TO ADD ANOTHER 75-THOUSAND FULL AND PART-TIME JOBS. THE COMPANY IS LOOKING FOR DELIVERY DRIVERS-- WAREHOUSE WORKERS, AND SHOPPERS.

4/20-ABC7-24/7-7AM (:20)

DESPITE A RISING NUMBER OF CASES -- MORE PROTESTS ARE PLANNED TODAY IN ANNAPOLIS. THIS WAS THE SCENE SATURDAY AS PEOPLE MARCHED AROUND THE CAPITOL -- AVOIDING SOCIAL DISTANCING MEASURES AND CALLING FOR AN END TO STAY-AT-HOME ORDERS. PROTESTERS SAY-- THE GOVERNOR'S ORDERS ARE HURTING THE ECONOMY-- AND THEY WANT BUSINESSES TO REOPEN.

4/30 - ABC7-24/7-11AM (:25)

LAST WEEK NEARLY 4 MILLION AMERICANS FILED FOR UNEMPLOYMENT ACCORDING TO THE REPORT RELEASED TODAY BY DEPARTMENT OF LABOR. JUST A LITTLE LESS THAN THE 4 POINT 4 MILLION WORKERS WHO HAD FILED JOBLESS CLAIMS TWO WEEKS AGO. THE LATEST CLAIMS BRING THE TOTAL TO 30 MILLION IN SIX WEEKS - MORE THAN ALL THE JOBS CREATED SINCE THE GREAT RECESSION.

5/7- WJLA – 6AM (:25)

THE LATEST UNEMPLOYMENT NUMBERS WILL BE RELEASED IN ABOUT TWO HOURS. AND THEN TOMORROW-- APRIL'S OFFICIAL UNEMPLOYMENT RATE-- WILL COME OUT. IT'S EXPECTED TO BE THE *WORST SINCE THE *GREAT DEPRESSION.* WE'RE TALKING ABOUT MORE THAN 30 MILLION AMERICANS-- OUT OF WORK-- JUST SINCE THE

PANDEMIC STARTED. HERE IN THE D-M-V-- MORE THAN A MILLION RESIDENTS-- BECAME UNEMPLOYED IN JUST THE SPAN OF SIX WEEKS. BEFORE ALL THIS STARTED-- AT NO POINT IN OUR HISTORY-- DID THE ENTIRE NATION LOSE A MILLION JOBS IN A WEEK.

5/16- WJLA – 11PM (:25)

WORKERS TOLD US-- THEY FELT BETRAYED AFTER MONTGOMERY COUNTY COUNCIL MEMBERS -- DECIDED AGAINST AWARDING RAISES TO THE COUNTY'S THREE EMPLOYEE UNIONS. BUT THESE ESSENTIAL WORKERS SAY THEY'RE RISKING THEIR LIVES AND THEIR HEALTH -- TO DO THEIR JOBS... ALL WHILE THE COUNCIL HAS GIVEN MILLIONS OF DOLLARS TO *NON-ESSENTIAL PROJECTS. PROTESTERS GATHERED OUTSIDE THE HOME OF COUNCIL MEMBER HANS RIEMER. THAT'S BECAUSE THEY SAY-- HE WAS ESPECIALLY AGAINST THE CONTRACT. A SPOKESPERSON FOR RIEMER -- TELLS ABC 7 THAT THE COUNCIL MEMBER WILL ALSO DECLINE THE PAY INCREASE RECENTLY APPROVED -- BY THE COUNCIL -- FOR THEIR OWN RAISES.

5/28- WJLA - 5AM (:20)

MICROSOFT IS PLANNING A NEW RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT HUB IN FAIRFAX COUNTY. AND IT WILL COME WITH 15-HUNDRED NEW JOBS. THE COMPANY WILL MOVE INTO EXISTING SPACE IN RESTON TOWN CENTER... AND BUILD A *NEW RETAIL AREA FOR CUSTOMERS. IT'S EXPECTED TO BE OPEN BY SUMMER 2021. WITH THE NEW HUB--MICROSOFT WILL BE ELIGIBLE FOR MORE THAN 22 MILLION DOLLARS IN STATE GRANTS.

6/2 - ABC7-24/7 10AM (:50)

THE FINANCIAL TOLL OF THE PANDEMIC - IS GROWING. JUST LAST WEEK, 49-THOUSAND MARYLANDERS FILED FOR UNEMPLOYMENT. SOME SAY

THEY THEY'RE STILL TRYING TO GET THE STATE TO FORK OVER UNEMPLOYMENT BENEFITS.... WHEN FILING, THEY RECIEVE A PROCESS NUMBER AS THOUGH THE CLAIM HAS BEEN ACCEPTED--- BUT THEN THERE'S NO PAYMENT. OTHERS SAY THEY'VE SPENT *HOURS ON THE PHONE AND STILL END UP EMPTY-HANDED.

6/18 - ABC7-24/7 10PM (:45)

MILLIONS OF PEOPLE ARE OUT OF WORK -- BUT EXPERTS SAY THERE IS SOME IMPROVEMENT.. AS THE NUMBER OF UNEMPLOYMENT APPLICATIONS IS DOWN FROM ITS PEAK IN MARCH. BUT THOSE WHO *ARE OUT OF A JOB -- DON'T JUST WORK FROM MOM AND POP SHOPS... CORPORATE AMERICA IS NOW FEELING THE PRESSURE, AS WELL. IN MAY -- 2.5 MILLION JOBS WERE ADDED.. BUT THE UNEMPLOYMENT RATE STANDS 13.3-PERCENT. BUT EVEN WITH THE HIRING GAINS IN MAY -- NEARLY 21 MILLION PEOPLE ARE CLASSIFIED AS UNEMPLOYED.

6/24 - ABC7-24/7 8AM (:40)

M-G-M NATIONAL HARBOR IS GETTING READY TO REOPEN. THE MASSIVE CASINO, HOTEL AND RESTAURANT COMPLEX WILL REOPEN TO THE GENERAL PUBLIC MONDAY AT 6 AM. EVEN WITH THE AUTHORIZED 50% CAPACITY---- THE CASINO WILL BE ABLE TO HOST MORE 4000 PEOPLE AT A TIME ON THE GAMING FLOOR INCLUDING EMPLOYEES. THE CASINO'S PRESIDENT SAYS THEY'LL TAKE EVERY PRECAUTION TO KEEP PEOPLE SAFE.

EDUCATION

4/14- WJLA 5AM (:15)

DOCTOR ANTHONY FAUCI IS PREDICTING-- *SCHOOLS* SHOULD BE ABLE TO REOPEN IN THE FALL. MANY STATES HAVE GONE TO DISTANCE LEARNING-- AND ENDED THE SCHOOL YEAR EARLY. SO WE WANT TO KNOW-- ASIDE FROM BETTER TESTING AND CONTACT TRACING-- WHAT ELSE NEEDS TO HAPPEN FOR SCHOOLS TO REOPEN? VIRGINIA HAS ALREADY CANCELED SCHOOL FOR THE REST OF THE YEAR. D-C AND MARYLAND HAVE *NOT GONE THAT FAR-- BUT MAYOR BOWSER AND GOVERNOR HOGAN HAVE BOTH HINTED-- THAT'S A VERY REAL POSSIBILITY.

4/17- WJLA 11PM (:25)

AND TONIGHT-- NEW INFORMATION ABOUT SCHOOL CLOSURES AND FOOD ASSISTANCE. MARYLAND IS EXTENDING SCHOOL CLOSURES UNTIL AT LEAST MAY 15. D-C WILL WRAP UP THE SCHOOL YEAR THREE WEEKS EARLY ON MAY 29, AND COMPLETE WHAT'S LEFT THROUGH DISTANCE LEARNING. VIRGINIA SCHOOLS REMAIN ONLINE ONLY. AND REMEMBER-MEAL ASSISTANCE *CONTINUES.* 7 IS ON YOUR SIDE, WE POSTED THE INFORMATION YOU NEED FOR PICK-UPS OR DELIVERIES INSIDE THE FREE ABC 7 NEWS APP.

4/21- WJLA 11PM (:20)

THOMAS JEFFERSON HIGH IN ALEXANDRIA IS *THE* BEST HIGH SCHOOL IN THE COUNTRY. THAT'S ACCORDING TO U.S. NEWS AND WORLD REPORT'S ANNUAL RANKINGS BASED ON STANDARDIZED TESTING, GRADUATION RATES AND COLLEGE READINESS. AS FOR RANKINGS IN OUR REGION...

SCHOOL WITHOUT WALLS... POOLESEVILLE... BANNEKER... AND WALT WHITMAN ROUND OUT THE BEST IN THE D-C METRO AREA.

5/5 - ABC7-24/7 9PM (:44)

NEW AT TEN. SOME PARENTS ARE BECOMING MORE CONCERNED ABOUT THE IMPACT OF THE PANDEMIC ON THEIR CHILDREN'S EDUCATION. EXPERTS ARE LOOKING AT "LEARNING LOSSES" TYPICALLY SEEN IN THE SUMMER... TO FORECAST HOW EXTENDED SCHOOL CLOSURES COULD CAUSE BACKSLIDES... ESPECIALLY FOR STUDENTS STRUGGLING TO ADAPT TO REMOTE INSTRUCTION. SOME TEACHERS ARE ALREADY SEEING THE SIGNS. ONE RESEARCHER PREDICTS.. BY THE FALL-STUDENTS COULD HAVE RETAINED AS LITTLE AS 70 PERCENT OF THEIR READING PROGRESS-- AND ONLY 50 PERCENT OF GAINS THEY'D MADE IN MATH.

5/19 - ABC7-24/7 - 7AM (:20)

EVEN THOUGH THE PANDEMIC HAS CANCELED *TRADITIONAL*
GRADUATION CEREMONIES, SCHOOLS ARE STILL FINDING INNOVATIVE
WAYS TO HONOR SENIORS... HERE'S HOW FAUQUIER HIGH SCHOOL DID IT.
STUDENTS WERE GETTING THEIR DIPLOMAS WITH THEIR FAMILIES. FIVE
MINUTES PASSED BETWEEN EACH STUDENT WALKING... DURING WHICH
EVERYONE SANITIZED THEIR HANDS. GRADUATIONS ARE PLANNED AT
OTHER SCHOOLS THIS WEEK.

5/29 - ABC7-24/7 - 11AM (:25)

SUMMER IS COMING. BUT SCHOOL *WON'T* BE OUT FOR STUDENTS-- IN ALEXANDRIA'S PUBLIC SCHOOL SYSTEM. IT'S *REQUIRING ALL STUDENTS-- TAKE PART IN ON-LINE SUMMER SCHOOL. PARENTS WHO *DO NOT* WANT THEIR CHILDREN TO PARTICIPATE-- MUST COMPLETE AN OPT-OUT FORM. MOST OF THE PROGRAMS WILL BE FREE-- INCLUDING MAKE-UP COURSES FOR HIGH-SCHOOL STUDENTS. THE GOAL IS TO PREVENT

BRAIN DRAIN-- AND TO HELP STUDENTS PREPARE-- FOR THE START OF THE NEW SCHOOL YEAR IN SEPTEMBER.

6/9 - WJLA 11PM (:25)

VIRGINA SCHOOLS, SO HERE'S WHAT YOU CAN EXPECT. THE GOVERNOR SAYS MOST SCHOOLS CAN ENTER PHASE *TWO OF THE REOPENING PLAN...
THE REST, LIKELY BY FALL. THAT MEANS ONLY K-THROUGH THIRD GRADE, SPECIAL EDUCATION, AND ENGLISH LANGUAGE LEARNERS *CAN GO BACK TO CLASS. EVERYONE ELSE... THAT WILL REMAIN ONLINE. PHASE THREE WOULD ALLOW ALL GRADE LEVELS BAKC, BUT MANDATE PHYSICAL DISTANCING, AND STAGGERED CLASS TIMES. THERE'S NO TIMETABLE ON PHASE THREE.

6/12 - WJLA 4PM (:20)

SCHOOL BOARD MEMBER DAVID MURRAY TELLS ABC 7 QUOTE: "I'M ANGRY AND UPSET AT THE THOUGHT THAT BOARD MEMBERS WOULD TABLE A MOTION TO HAVE A DISCUSSION ABOUT RETHINKING HAVING ARMED OFFICERS IN OUR SCHOOLS, TO ALLOCATE FIVE MILLION DOLLARS TOWARDS SOCIAL HEALTH WORKERS, MENTAL HEALTH THERAPISTS, AND ACADEMIC INTERVENTIONISTS."

6/19 - WJLA 11PM (:25)

TEACHERS AND STUDENTS MARCHING FOR EDUCATION REFORM TODAY.

"EDUCATORS FOR EQUITY" LEADING FAMILIES AND STUDENTS FROM

FREEDOM PLAZA TO THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT. AMONG OTHER

THINGS, THEY WANT TO BOOST SPENDING FOR MENTAL HEALTH -- END

SCHOOL CLOSINGS IN BLACK AND BROWN COMMUNITIES -- AND REVISE

LESSON PLANS TO BETTER REFLECT THE HISTORY OF NON-WHITE PEOPLE.

6/24 WJLA - 4PM (:35)

A PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY SCHOOL BOARD MEMBER SAYS STUDENTS ARE NOT LEARNING ENOUGH ABOUT BLACK HISTORY. ED BURROUGHS IS CALLING ON THE SCHOOL SYSTEM TO EXPAND ITS CURRICULUM. AND HE WANTS INPUT FROM HISTORICALLY BLACK COLLEGES AND UNIVERSITIES. BURROUGHS SAYS THE SCHOOL BOARD'S BUDGET COMMITTEE SUPPORTS THE PROPOSAL.. BUT THE SCHOOL DISTRICT'S C-E-O, DR. MONICA GOLDSON, NEEDS TO REVIEW IT BEFORE IT CAN BE IMPLEMENTED.

FAMILY ISSUES

4/4 - ABC7-24/7 12PM (:20)

STARTING MONDAY... STUDENT MEAL PICK-UPS IN PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY ARE MOVING TO TWO TIMES A WEEK. STUDENTS WILL GET A WEEK'S WORTH OF GRAB AND GO MEALS. STUDENTS CAN GET MEALS FOR TWO DAYS ON MONDAY AND THREE DAYS ON WEDNESDAY. MEALS WILL BE AVAILABLE FROM 10 AM TO 1 PM TO AT 43 SITES. PARENTS DONT HAVE TO BRING THEIR CHILDREN ALONG...JUST A STUDENT I-D OR REPORT CARD.

4/14 - ABC7-24/7 7AM (:20)

ANOTHER EFFORT IS UNDERWAY IN D.C.-- PROVIDING FREE FOOD TO THOSE WHO NEED IT DURING THESE TIMES. ON WEEKDAYS, FAMILIES CAN NOT ONLY GET FREE LUNCHES FOR THEIR CHILDREN, BUT ALSO A BOX OF GROCERIES. EACH DAY, FOOD IS BEING HANDED OUT AT A DIFFERENT D.C. SCHOOL. TODAY IT'S HAPPENING AT KELLY MIDDLE SCHOOL IN NORTHEAST D.C. FROM NOON UNTIL TWO P.M--OR WHILE SUPPLIES LAST.

4/28 - ABC7-24/7 8AM (:45)

30 ACCUSED ONLINE PREDATORS, *BUSTED IN FAIRFAX COUNTY- THIS MONTH ALONE! AND SINCE RIGHT NOW KIDS ARE OFF THEIR NORMAL SCHEDULES AND ONLINE MORE THAN USUAL -- 24/7'S ON YOUR SIDE TO HELP KEEP THEM SAFE. THE VIRTUAL STING OPERATION IS NOW KNOWN AS THE "COVID CRACKDOWN" INVESTIGATORS FILED CHARGES AGAINST THE SUSPECTS AFTER THEY ALLEGEDLY SOLICITED SEX FROM UNDERCOVER OFFICERS POSING AS CHILDREN, ARRANGED MEET UPS, AND EVEN VIOLATED STAY AT HOME ORDERS. INVESTIGATORS ENCOURAGE YOU TO MONITOR *ALL* OF YOUR CHILD'S TEXTING ACTIVITY AND DOUBLE CHECK SECURITY AND AUDIO SETTINGS ON ALL DEVICES. FAIRFAX COUNTY POLICE SAY THEY'RE NOT DONE WITH OPERATION COVID CRACKDOWN, MORE ARRESTS ARE POSSIBLE.

5/9 - WJLA 11PM (:37)

THE PANDEMIC MEANS-- MANY FAMILIES ARE NOT ABLE TO SAY GOODBYE THE WAY THEY WOULD LIKE TO... FUNERALS HAVE BEEN KEPT BRIEF, WITH FEW ATTENDEES. BUT THAT'S NOT THE SENDOFF ONE FAMILY IN Petersburg, VIRGINIA -- WANTED TO GIVE THEIR LOVED ONE. SO-- THEY FOUND A CREATIVE AND *SAFE SOLUTION. A MOBILE, OUTDOOR PULPIT TO GIVE THE SERVICE -- SO LOVED ONES COULD ATTEND, WHILE STAYING IN THEIR CARS. THE FAMILY FRIEND THAT BUILT THAT PULPIT IS NOW GIVING IT TO THE FUNERAL HOME-- SO OTHER FAMILIES CAN SAFELY GATHER TO HAVE A SERVICE-- AND SAY GOODBYE TO THOSE THEY LOVE.

5/12 - WJLA 11PM (:45)

SEVERAL WEEKS AGO -- DOCTORS IN THE U-K DISCOVERED SOMETHING ALARMING. SOME CHILDREN WHO RECOVERED FROM COVID-19 -- LATER EXPERIENCING PAINFUL INFLAMMATION. DOCTORS HAVE NOW GIVEN THAT CONDITION A NAME -- "PIMS" OR "PEDIATRIC MULTI-SYSTEM INFLAMMATORY SYNDROME". IT'S SIMILAR TO ANOTHER RARE CONDITION -- "KAWASAKI DISEASE". THREE CHILDREN WITH "PIMS" ARE NOW BEING TREATED AT CHILDREN'S NATIONAL HOSPITAL HERE IN D-C. HERE ARE SOME SYMPTOMS TO WATCH FOR. THERE ARE ABOUT 100 KNOWN "PIMS" CASES IN THE U-S. THREE CHILDREN HAVE DIED. WHILE IT APPEARS TO BE RARE... LOOK OUT FOR THOSE SYMPTOMS-- IT CAN USUALLY BE TREATED IF CAUGHT EARLY.

5/20 - WJLA 12PM (:20)

CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL IS REPORTING MORE CASES OF THE RARE ILLNESS WITH LINKS TO CORONAVIRUS. THERE ARE NOW 22 KIDS DIAGNOSED WITH MULTISYSTEM INFLAMMATORY SYNDROME. THE NEWS COMING JUST A DAY AFTER VIRGINIA REPORTED ITS *FIRST CASE IN FAIRFAX COUNTY. COMMON SYMPTOMS INCLUDE PERSISTENT FEVER,

IRRITABILITY, ABDOMINAL PAIN AND AN ENLARGED LYMPH NODE ON ONE SIDE OF THE NECK.

6/14 - ABC7-24/7 7AM (:35)

SATURDAY PARENTS IN ARLINGTON HELD A VIGIL AND TOOK A PLEDGE--PROMISING TO MAKE THE COUNTY A BETTER PLACE FOR EVERYONE.
"THE BLACK PARENTS OF ARLINGTON GROUP" ORGANIZED THE
GATHERING. VIRGINIA DELEGATE ALFONSO LOPEZ ENCOURAGED THE
PEACEFUL PROTEST SAYING IT'S HELPING BRING ABOUT CHANGE. LOPEZ
SAYS THE MAIN GOAL IS TO INSPIRE THE COMMUNITY TO BUILD EQUITY
AND JUSTICE WHERE THEY LIVE.

6/20 - ABC7-24/7 10AM (:23)

TOMORROW-- THERE WILL BE A PEACEFUL PROTEST.. CALLED "MARCH OF DADS". ORGANIZERS SAY-- THEY WANT TO BRING AWARENESS TO BLACK FATHERS THAT HAVE BEEN TAKEN FROM THEIR FAMILIES BY RACISM AND VIOLENCE. THE EVENT WILL START AT THE NATIONAL MUSEUM OF AFRICAN AMERICAN HISTORY AND CULTURE -- AT 9:30 TOMORROW MORNING. AND WILL END AT BLACK LIVES MATTER PLAZA. PARTICIPANTS ARE ASKED TO WEAR BLACK-- AND MASKS ARE REQUIRED.

6/30 - ABC7-24/7 7AM (:40)

LOUDOUN COUNTY SCHOOL OFFICIALS ARE TAKING COMMENTS FROM PARENTS INTO CONSIDERATION, AS THEY WORK ON A REOPENING PLAN. MORE THAN 200 PARENTS SIGNED UP FOR LAST NIGHT'S VIRTUAL MEETING. OFFICIALS ARE LOOKING AT THREE PLANS FOR THE FALL: BRING STUDENTS BACK, START ONLINE ONLY, OR HAVE A HYBRID PLAN. A NEW SURVEY FINDS, 33-PERCENT OF PARENTS SUPPORT DISTANCE LEARNING. 53-PERCENT PREFER IN-PERSON LEARNING. LESS THAN HALF OF THE "TEACHERS" SURVEYED SAY THEY'D BE COMFORTABLE WITH

IN-PERSON LEARNING. OFFICIALS NOW WANT TO HEAR MORE FROM STUDENTS... ON WHAT THEY THINK.

ELDERLY & AGING

4/6- WJLA – 4PM (:20)

IN STERLING, VIRGINIA -- WE'RE LEARNED THAT MORE RESIDENTS AT THE FALCONS LANDING RETIREMENT COMMUNITY HAVE HAVE TESTED POSTIVE FOR COVID-19. *ALL ARE IN THE "HEALTH CENTER". THE COMMUNITY SAYS NO ONE IN THE "INDEPENDENT LIVING" SECTION HAS TESTED POSITIVE. LAST WEEK -- WE LEARNED AN ELDERLY RESIDENT AT "FALCONS LANDING" HAD PREVIOUSLY DIED FROM THE VIRUS.

4/17- WJLA – 5AM (:20)

DANCING WHILE DISTANCING-- IS KEEPING THREE GENERATIONS OF A LOCAL FAMILY TOGETHER. ALISA HYMAN AND HER 17-YEAR-OLD SON MICHAEL-- LIVE LESS THAN A MILE FROM HER ELDERLY PARENTS-- IN LANDOVER. SHE'S BEEN CHECKING IN ON HER PARENTS EVERY DAY--WHILE STAYING FAR AWAY ON THE STREET. BUT THEN SOMETHING INTERESTING HAPPENED. ALISA SHARED VIDEO OF HER PARENTS DANCING ON INSTAGRAM-- ALISA AND HER FAMILY ARE GRATEFUL--THEY'VE BEEN ABLE TO SHARE SOME JOY IN THE MIDST OF UNCERTAINTY.

4/27- WJLA - 5AM (:35)

A VIRGINIA COMPANY IS HELPING SENIOR CITIZENS-- STAY SAFE DURING THE PANDEMIC. "ACTIVE MEDICARE SOLUTIONS" IN HENRICO (hen-RYE-koh) COUNTY-- GAVE OUT MORE THAN A THOUSAND MASKS THIS WEEKEND. EMPLOYEES SAY-- THEY KNOW IT'S A SCARY TIME FOR OLDER PEOPLE-- AND THEY'RE HAPPY TO HELP. THE DONATED MASKS CAME FROM OVERSEAS. SEVERAL THOUSAND ALSO WENT TO VIRGINIA HOSPITALS AND FIRST RESPONDERS.

5/5-ABC7-24/7 10PM (:44)

A SEVEN ON YOUR SIDE SCAM ALERT TONIGHT. SCAMMERS ARE TARGETING THE GROUPS MOST AT RISK DURING THE PANDEMIC - THE ELDERLY. CONSUMER ADVOCATES SAY THIEVES ARE TAKING ADVANTAGE OF THE FACT THAT SO MANY OLDER AMERICANS ARE HOME. THE FEDERAL TRADE COMMISSION SAYS AS OF LATE APRIL -- IT RECEIVED NEARLY 14-THOUSAND FRAUD COMPLAINTS WITH LOSSES REPORTED IN EXCESS OF 19-MILLION DOLLARS. THE F-B-I SAYS EVERYONE NEEDS TO BE ON THE LOOKOUT FOR SCAMS INVOLVING STIMULUS PAYMENTS. THEY CAN COME VIA TEXT, EMAIL OR SOCIAL MEDIA -- IN ADDITION TO PHONE CALLS. A REMINDER -- NEVER GIVE OUT YOUR PERSONAL INFORMATION TO ANYONE WHO CALLS YOU AND ASKS FOR IT.

5/17 - ABC7-24/7 10PM (:24)

THE FAMILY OF A MISSING ELDERLY MAN -- IS REFUSING TO GIVE UP THE SEARCH TO FIND HIM. MICHAEL DELANEY -- WHO SUFFERS FROM ALZHEIMER'S -- LEFT RESTON HOSPITAL THROUGH AN EMERGENCY EXIT.. AND HASN'T BEEN SEEN SINCE. POLICE CALLED OFF THEIR SEARCH FOR DELANEY AFTER SEVERAL DAYS... THAT'S WHEN HIS FAMILY GATHERED THEIR OWN SEARCH PARTY. IF YOU'VE SEEN DELANEY -- YOU'RE URGED TO CALL POLICE. HE WAS LAST SEEN WEARING A YELLOW HOSPITAL GOWN.

5/25 - ABC7-24/7 7AM (:25)

THE 145TH RUNNING OF THE PREAKNESS STAKES MAY HAVE BEEN POSTPONED-- BUT THAT DIDN'T STOP THIS GROUP-- FROM RUNNING A RACE OF THEIR OWN! STAFF FROM A SENIOR LIVING COMMUNITY IN BEL AIR, MARYLAND -- DRESSED UP IN DIFFERENT COSTUMES TO CREATE THEIR OWN PREAKNESS FOR THE RESIDENTS. THEY SAY THEY WANTED TO DO SOMETHING FUN AND SILLY TO BRING SMILES... SINCE THE SENIORS CAN'T SEE OUTSIDE VISITORS RIGHT NOW.

6/19 - WJLA - 6PM (:20)

NEW AT SIX, MARYLAND'S GOVERNOR IS *LIFTING* SOME RESTRICTIONS TO ALLOW FOR OUTDOOR VISITORS AT NURSING HOMES. THE HOMES - HAVE TO HAVE NO ACTIVE CASES OF COVID-19.AND EVERYONE WILL HAVE TO WEAR MASKS AND KEEP SOCIAL DISTANCE. ALL VISITORS - WILL ALSO BE SCREENED FOR SYMPTOMS.